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ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO ENTER AG DAY POSTER CONTEST

Charleston, W.Va. – West Virginia students in grades 1-5 are being encouraged to enter the West Virginia Ag Day Poster Contest. The winning entry will be honored at Ag and Forestry Day at Legislature in Charleston January 20, 2016, and will be featured throughout the state during the year. The contest is sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA).

The theme of the contest is "Agriculture: Stewards of a Healthy Planet." Winning artwork will include themes celebrating modern agriculture in the United States and the role farmers play in protecting the environment.

Judging will be conducted by representatives of the WVDA and the agriculture industry. Each entry will be judged on the originality of concept, presentation, adherence to the theme, and total impact.

Art should be no smaller than 8" x 10" but no larger than 11" x 17". Entries must have the artist's name on the back and be accompanied by an entry form, which is available at http://www.agriculture.wv.gov/young%20ag/Pages/2016-Ag-Contest.aspx.

Deadline for entries is midnight, Nov. 30, 2015. Mail them to West Virginia Department of Agriculture, 60B Moorefield Industrial Park Road, Moorefield, WV 26836, Attn: Cindy Shreve.